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Akira MATSUMORI : Docket No. 2001_1881A
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MEDICINAL COMPOSITIONS FOR PREVENTING
OR TREATING VIRAL MYOCARDITIS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 12, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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29. (Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the viral disease is viral hepatitis, adenovirus infection, influenza, herpes infection, viral encephalitis, cytomegalovirus infection, viral enteritis or viral pericarditis.

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Please add the following new claim:

36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the viral hepatitis is selected from the group consisting of viral hepatitis type A, type B, type C, type E, type G and type TTV.